

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Present

Pam Henry
Dave Kennedy
Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston Member/Recording Secretary

Bob Appleby
Doug Morrow

Absent

Al Giansanti
Vacancy

Guests

Art Bergman

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve the August 17, 2015 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

M/S/C (Appleby/Weston) to add 5 A. Elections; re-letter the New Business as listed.

Vote: Approved unanimous

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elections

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to appoint Sue Spang as Chairperson of the Salem Recreation Commission.

Vote: Approved unanimous

M/S/C (Appleby/Morrow) to appoint Dave Kennedy as Vice-Chairperson of the Salem Recreation Commission.

Vote: Approved unanimous

M/S/C (Appleby/Fresco-Hawes) to appoint Diane Weston as Secretary of the Salem Recreation Commission.

Vote: Approved unanimous

The Chairman called for nominations three times.

M/S/C (Spang/Kennedy) to move the slate forward for nominations.

Vote: Approved unanimous

b. Tri County Field Waiver Request

Art Bergman was informed of the storage sheds situation and new bases were ordered for SYBL.

S. Spang asked Art if SYBL is part of Tri County. The last the Commission was informed is that the Babe Ruth was playing in East Lyme.

Art stated Fall Ball is registered with Hebron; 12 & 13 yr. olds are playing between East Lyme and Tri County.

S. Spang asked why the parents were not happy with East Lyme; P. Henry asked if only some parents were unhappy.

S. Spang asked if any SYBL money was given to help offset fees for fall ball.

Art stated Tri County is not registered with SYBL and is not part of SYBL.

The consensus of the Commission is that fees should be charged to Tri County.

M/S/C (Appleby/Fresco-Hawes) as per the field use application, the Commission is waiving as requested by the applicant the field use fee for October 3, 2015. Any use other than October 3 (practice or game) will require a field use form and a \$20.00 fee per use.

Vote: Approved unanimous

The Commission has determined that Tri County is not currently associated with SYBL. They are not subsidized by the Commission or SYBL. The Commission considers Tri County an AAU type travel team.

S. Spang would like any issues from SYBL to be presented to the Commission by Art Bergman or Paul Bureau.

c. AAU and SYBL Storage Sheds

S. Spang discussed the use of equipment between SYBL and the AAU teams. D. Kennedy and S. Spang went to the sheds to check the equipment; there was none missing, the Rec. equipment was comingled in the SYBL shed. The equipment was put back in the correct sheds.

There will be a list added to the inside of the Rec. door for equipment that is in the shed and expectations of how the field and area should be left. Discussion took place if a deposit should be taken along with the field use form when submitted.

SYBL has changed the locks to their sheds.

War at the Shore has the field booked for use October 3rd.

d. Playscape

The playscape should be installed any time now. The springy animals, the green tube and sandbox need to be pulled out for reuse at Forsyth Road.

e. Scoreboard

D. Kennedy informed the Commission the final engineered, stamped plans will be received from CLS in the next few days. Public works dug down 8' without hitting ledge for the footings which will be done this fall; the board will be installed in the spring. The scoreboard will be placed on the third base side of the field. It will be 9' off the ground. The scoreboard will be unveiled on Opening Day 2016.

S. Spang requested that the concession stand be closed down for the winter if not in use.

f. Basketball with East Lyme

Discussion took place on the basketball program with East Lyme. S. Spang was contacted by East Lyme but has no information on when their registration is.

B. Appleby stated Alan Maziarz will run the Salem Recreation program this year. S. Spang asked when registration will be done and that background checks for parent volunteers will need to be done.

g. Well at Volunteer Park

S. Spang will give the site plan to B. Appleby.

h. Vacancy

There is one vacancy on the Recreation Commission.

i. Recreation Clerk Report

There are two tennis programs running right now and a LEGO After School program planned for October. The interviews for the Program Coordinator will begin in October.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Volunteer Park – B. Appleby will be given the site plan.

b. Baseball – The batting cage footings need to be repaired. S. Spang stated it will be done in the spring. Art stated there are tree limbs above the major field that should be taken down. There are fall ball teams playing this season. The number for players has decreased. SYBL is talking about combining teams or have a merger with Bozrah.

c. Soccer – B. Appleby reported fall soccer has begun. S. Spang stated a field use form needs to be submitted from the Salem School for field use.

d. Basketball- See F. Basketball with East Lyme.

e. Tennis – No report.

f. Multi-purpose Path – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Tree Lighting will be on December 5, 2015 4:00pm at the Grange and Salem Green.

D. Morrow attended a conference in Las Vegas and has information on artificial ice for a skating rink.

A Trunk or Treat might be held at Salem Country Gardens this year; they are looking for trunks for the event. D. Weston will get more information on the event.

It was decided teams that want to use the fields will need to submit a field use form, deposit, insurance form or they do not play.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

a. Community Ice Skating Rink

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Morrow/Fresco-Hawes) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary